

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 720

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Hugh Adams on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Adams is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than thirty-five years with the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, Mr. Adams will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams, a native of Dresden, Tennessee, attended Mississippi State University on a football scholarship, earning degrees in both Agriculture and Business; and

WHEREAS, during his outstanding college career, this talented athlete lettered in football from 1966-1968, was named Co-Captain of the football team, and was named honorable mention to the All-SEC team during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Hugh Adams epitomized the ideal of the dedicated teacher and football coach at Greenfield High School for five years, working assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams began his extraordinary tenure with the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation in 1976, first rendering sterling service as an insurance agent in Obion County; and

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts and unwavering dedication to excellence did not go unnoticed, and Hugh Adams was promoted to Regional Field Service Director in 1988, in which position he has served with acumen and alacrity ever since, expertly overseeing fifteen counties

in Northwest Tennessee and earning the respect of his colleagues and clients alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a gifted speaker who is truly passionate about agriculture and his community, Mr. Adams has educated over 100,000 teachers and students about Farm Bureau's renowned food and fiber system and skillfully instructed hundreds of adults about the agricultural industry as a guest speaker at countless Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, and Ruritan meetings; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Adams is a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous organizations, including serving as the President of Mississippi State's prestigious M Club and devoting sixteen years of committed service to the West Tennessee River Basin Authority Board of Directors, twelve years to the West Tennessee River Basin Authority's Executive Committee, four years as the Secretary-Treasurer of the West Tennessee River Basin Authority, and two years to the Board of the West Tennessee Tributaries Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Adams was recognized by the University of Tennessee as a "Friend of Extension" for the Western Region in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Hugh Adams is a devout member of the Macedonia Church of Christ, where he regularly teaches Bible lessons; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Adams exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable career, Mr. Adams demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Hugh Adams for his thirty-five years of honorable and astute service with the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.